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Dear parents,

Once more we would like to thank you for your continued support in helping us to provide quality provision for all the students at Brooksbank. We have been overwhelmed by the number of positive comments we have received regarding, in particular, our online provision. The fact that the majority of our lessons are 'live', is testament to the hard work and dedication of the teaching staff here at Brooksbank.

We are mindful that a considerable amount of time is being spent on screen and this is not always the most positive experience for young people. We have asked our staff to incorporate some activities that do not involve a screen and would encourage you to do the same. Please ensure that your child has suitable breaks, exercise, fresh air and time away from the computer.

We have also asked our teaching staff to be aware of their own well-being. As you can imagine, delivering remote lessons via a computer is particularly demanding and is taking a considerable amount of time to sustain the delivery of high quality lessons and resources. To support staff, we have advised them to encourage additional work undertaken outside of the classroom to be independent study work, with students making use of the vast array of resources that are available to them. There are high quality resources available through The Oak National Academy and BBC Bitesize as well as the regular platforms Brooksbank uses such as Doodle and My Maths. Please support us in encouraging all students to develop their independent learning skills.

Due to the increasing demands on staff time we would also like parents to be aware that staff may not be able to respond to individual emails or requests for additional support in the timely fashion that you are used to. If you have any concerns regarding your child and their learning we would therefore request that you pass these on to the relevant pastoral staff rather than contact individual teachers. Teaching staff will of course be available to speak to you at the scheduled parents' evenings.

Hoping that you and your families are keeping well and safe,

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